

**Remarks**

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6-10 and 14-17, inclusive are under consideration. Claims 1, 4 and 11-13 are canceled.

The allowance of claims 14-16 and the indication that claims 6 and 9 define allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

Claims 6 and 9 have been rewritten in independent form and are believed to be allowable as rewritten.

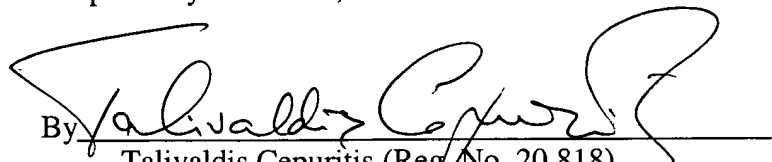
Claims 2, 5, 7, 10 and 17 are amended to make these particular claims dependent on allowable claim 6.

No additional claim fee is necessitated by the present amendments inasmuch as there are only three independent claims and the total number of claims is less than 20.

The present amendments to the claims are believed to dispose of all issues in this case and to place this application in condition for allowance. Early such action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

April 7, 2005

By   
Talivaldis Cepuritis (Reg. No. 20,818)

OLSON & HIERL, LTD.  
20 North Wacker Drive  
36th Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
(312) 580-1180